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Because of a classification error, page 4 of the EURA typescript dated 20 September 1985, "France Tries to Close the Technology Gap II" (Control Number ) should be replaced with the attached corrected copy.

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[REDACTED] Ariespace may be bracing  
itself for political turmoil in French Guiana.

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[REDACTED] Recent press reports say  
security at the Kourou facility is poor, and the local independence  
movement is on the rise. Growing tension resulted in a violent clash  
last month between locals and French legionnaires. Should Ariespace  
be forced to turn to the United States in a pinch, it would be a  
further embarrassment for France that would raise even more serious  
concerns about the dependability of the Ariane program.

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### Research Spending

The Mitterrand government's continuing commitment to high  
technology development is demonstrated by its willingness to increase  
research spending despite a tough domestic austerity program. On 11  
September, the government adopted the 1986 budget in which  
expenditures for research are one of the few items scheduled for  
growth in real terms. According to the French press, the research  
budget will be boosted by 8 percent in nominal terms or, given current  
inflation projections, a 3-3.5 percent in real terms.

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### Technology Transfer and Industrial Espionage

France continues to maintain its hard line on technology leaks to  
the Soviet Union. [REDACTED] the French  
government is alarmed by an increase in Soviet industrial espionage

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